

City-County Flood Control

Mission. The mission of City-County Flood Control is to inspect, operate and maintain the Wichita-Valley Center Flood Control Project in accordance with standards established by the Corps of Engineers.

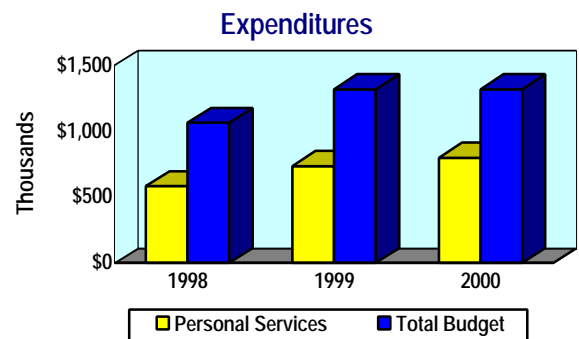
Overview. The Wichita-Valley Center Flood Control Project was a joint undertaking of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sedgwick County and the City of Wichita, and was completed in 1960. The project includes the "Big Ditch" and the Big and Little Arkansas Rivers from Valley Center to Derby. Included are 41 miles of channels, 97 miles of levees, 60 interior drainage structures, and a total area of 5,613 acres.

The floodway is maintained by the Public Works Department Storm Water Utility and is funded equally by the City of Wichita and Sedgwick County. Maintenance includes mowing, cleaning drainage structures, removing debris from around bridges and other structures, grading levees and roadways, erosion repair, bank stabilization and repair of fences and gates.

Finance and Operations. In 1998, crews completed the stabilization of the low flow channel of the Big Ditch near South Seneca between K-42 and Kellogg. Also completed was the stabilization of the Little River floodway from 77th Street North to the Big River.

Contracted floodway mowing is phased out in 1999 and restored as a function of Flood Control. The budget transfer for mowing is reduced with offsetting increases to the operating budget for personnel and equipment. The mowing function adds four positions, plus tractors and mowing equipment.

Because the City and Sedgwick County jointly fund the Flood Control budget, the County's budget caps have not allowed for any budget growth since 1997. As salaries and benefits have increased, the materials budget for such items as riprap has decreased. The 2000 Budget represents a 30 percent decrease from the 1999 Adopted Budget. Two planned ALERT stations are not currently funded.



City-County Flood Control Budget Summary					
	1998 Actual	1999 Adopted	1999 Revised	2000 Adopted	2001 Approved
Personal Services	582,715	640,590	735,660	799,800	841,720
Contractual Services	357,370	363,510	458,990	474,610	474,610
Commodities	26,288	64,550	78,680	45,440	85,520
Capital Outlay	6,813	9,000	9,000	0	6,000
Other	92,347	242,200	37,520	0	0
Total Flood Control Expenditures	1,065,533	1,319,850	1,319,850	1,319,850	1,407,850
Less: Sedgwick County	(575,962)	(659,920)	(659,920)	(659,920)	(703,920)
Other revenue	(19,531)	0	0	0	0
Total General Fund Expenditures	575,962	659,930	659,930	659,930	703,930
Position Summary					
Total full-time	15	15	19	19	19
Total part-time	0	0	0	0	0
Total FTE	15	15	19	19	19